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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notice of Appeal dated October 20, 2003 for one month from December 20, 2003 to January 20, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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